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The Mayors' Council of Guam announces that former Yona Mayor and Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje passed away today at the age of 76 years old.

The Honorable † Pedo Terlaje was elected by the people of Yona as Mayor in November, 2000 and reelected for two more consecutive terms serving for a total of 12 years. He was elected as Vice President of the Mayors' Council of Guam in 2002 and 2006, President of the Association of Mariana Island Mayors, Vice Mayors, & Elected Municipal Council Members in 2004, and President of the Mayors' Council of Guam in 2008. He was elected Senator in subsequent years.

"Then Mayor Pedo Terlaje was a strong advocate of a safe community and promoted numerous programs for the youth of Yona and was involved in various sports leagues around the island. "Yona Rulz" and "HITA" became his mottos and ensured that all best practices he implemented in Yona became a model for other villages to follow," expressed MCoG Executive Angel Sablan.

We express our deepest condolences at the passing of a colleague of the Mayors' Council of Guam.